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In response to the Examiner's office action dated April 4, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect species XIV described by Figure 18 and make claim amendments as shown in the attached pages.

Claims 1-30 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1-30 are subject to an election of species requirement. In response to the election requirement, Applicants elect Species XIV corresponding to Figure 18. For the reasons provided below, Applicants respectfully traverse the statement by the Examiner that "no claim is considered to be generic."

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 15, and 27 are generic to each of the disclosed species. Claim 27, for example, is recited in means-plus-function form which necessarily encompasses all of the disclosed structures for accomplishing the recited function. The stated function in claim 27 is performed by each of the disclosed embodiments. Similarly, the other claims are directed to each disclosed embodiment.

By way of the present response, Applicants have amended the claims to add new claims 31-33. Each of these claims are directed to the elected species XIV.